

I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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Resolution No. 59(LS)

Introduced by:

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Relative to congratulating Mrs. Patricia Santos Sison on the occasion of her induction into the Guam Educator's Hall of Fame, Phi Delta Kappa, Guam Chapter, 2007; and to recognizing her twenty eight (28) years of contributions and lifelong dedication towards the education of the island's youth.

1 BE IT RESOLVED BY I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN
2 GUÅHAN:

3 WHEREAS, Mrs. Patricia Santos Sison, was born on December 9, 1933,
4 the daughter of former Senator Tomas Ramirez Santos and Asuncion Hanui
5 Blaz; and

6 WHEREAS, Mrs. Sison has been a devoted wife to her husband Peter
7 and a nurturing mother to Robert, Randall, Linda and Arlene; and

8 WHEREAS, after Mrs. Sison received her Bachelor of Arts Degree in
9 English/Speech for Secondary Education with a minor in Library Science
10 from the University of Guam in 1972, she became employed by the
11 Department of Education as an Assistant Librarian at John F. Kennedy High

1 School, and thus began her distinguished educational career; and

2 **WHEREAS**, Mrs. Sison extended her education by earning a Master's
3 Degree in Educational Administration and Supervision from the University of
4 Guam in 1975; and

5 **WHEREAS**, through her exemplary dedication and hard work as an
6 Assistant Librarian, Mrs. Sison was rewarded by being promoted to the
7 position as Head Librarian at Dededo Junior High School, now known as
8 Vicente SA Benavente Middle School, a position she served well and faithfully
9 for twenty four (24) years until her retirement in September 30, 2000; and

10 **WHEREAS**, from 1982 to 1983, Mrs. Sison spearheaded the "Save the
11 Children" Program, which featured youths' concerns and solutions to child
12 abuse, drug abuse and juvenile delinquency, Senators were impressed by the
13 students' presentation, they provided funding to send two (2) students to
14 attend the "Save the Children Hearing in Washington D.C.; and

15 **WHEREAS**, in 1991, Mrs. Sison coordinated a letter writing campaign
16 with Judy Salas' seventh (7th) grade gifted and talented education class to the
17 servicemen and women serving in the Persian Gulf War, and a valentine card
18 to President George W. H. Bush, and in recognition of the students' efforts,
19 President George W. H. Bush sent a letter of appreciation thanking the
20 students for their concerns about the Persian Gulf War; and

21 **WHEREAS**, in 1994, Mrs. Sison was the first librarian at Dededo Middle
22 School to computerize the entire library collection into the Columbia Library
23 System making it easier and convenient for students, faculty and staff to
24 locate books and AV materials; and

1 **WHEREAS**, Mrs. Sison was a prominent figure in lobbying the passage
2 of Public Law 22-140, making it possible to expand the library facilities of
3 Dededo Middle School in 1996, and after her retirement, in recognition of her
4 contributions to the school, the library was named in her honor; and

5 **WHEREAS**, in 1998, Mrs. Sison was instrumental in persuading
6 Governor Gutierrez to purchase twelve (12) state of the computers for the use
7 of the students; and

8 **WHEREAS**. during her tenure as Head Librarian, Mrs. Sison proved to
9 be an invaluable asset by offering her time and efforts to school activities such
10 as Public Relations Officer for the Parent Teacher Organization; the Dededo
11 Middle School Faculty/Staff Social Club; the School Level Improvement
12 Program; National Library Week Reading Program; Celebrity Readers
13 Reading Program; Read-A-Thon Program; Science Fair Contributor and
14 Supporter; the Future Teachers of America; Dededo Middle School Readers
15 Club; Certified Facilitator for Rainbows for All Children; and Chamorro Week
16 Supporter and Promoter; and

17 **WHEREAS**, the island community recognizes the contributions of Mrs.
18 Sison in making sure the island's youth are educated and productive
19 members of society; and

20 **WHEREAS**, Mrs. Patricia Santos Sison has been bestowed with the honor
21 of being one of Guam's premiere educators, by the Guam Chapter of the Phi
22 Delta Kappa and is being inducted into the "Guam Educator's Hall of Fame,";
23 now, therefore, be it

24 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Bente Nuebi Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does

1 hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, congratulate Mrs. Patricia Santos
2 Sison on the occasion of her induction into the Guam Educator's Hall of Fame,
3 Phi Delta Kappa, Guam Chapter, 2007; and recognize her twenty eight (28)
4 years of contributions and lifelong dedication towards the education of the
5 island's youth; and be it further

6 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Secretary of the Legislature
7 attest to, the adoption hereof and that copies of the same be thereafter
8 transmitted to Patricia Santos Sison; to each of her children; to Ms. Barbara
9 Gillman, the President of the Guam Educator's Hall Fame, Phi Delta Kappa,
10 Guam Chapter; and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, I Maga'láhen Guåhan
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**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA
LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE _____ DAY OF MAY 2007.**

MARK FORBES
Speaker

RAY TENORIO
Senator and
Secretary of the Legislature